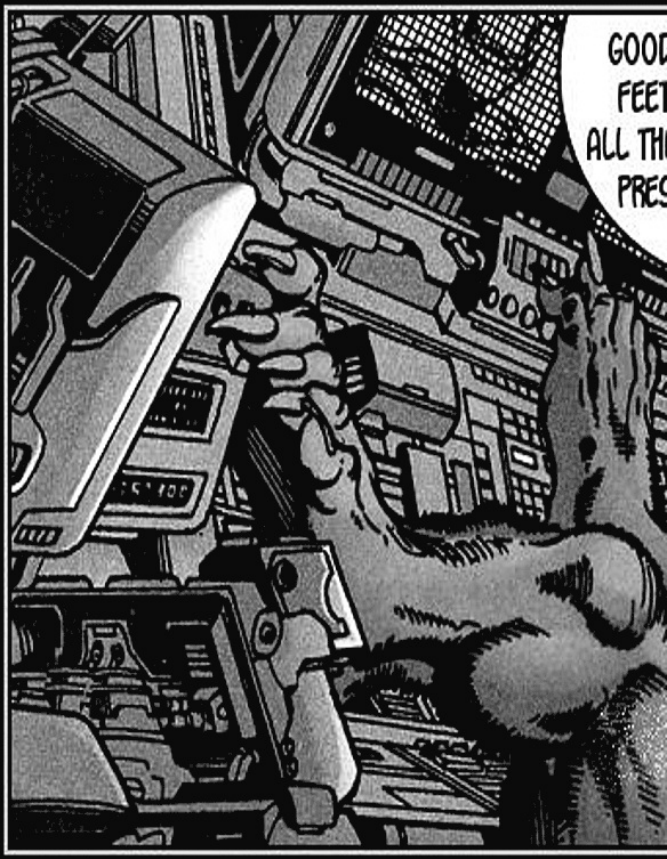


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GOOD
FEET
ALL THE
PRES

THING I CAN USE MY
AS WELL TO SCAN!
E FASTER TO PROUDLY
ENT TO THE WORLD
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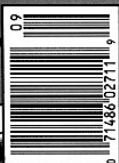
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THE CROSS-TIME CAPER-

EXCALIBUR

Part 1 of 9



AT FIRST
GLANCE...

...THIS IS A WORLD
MUCH LIKE OUR OWN.

BUT OUR AIR NEVER
SMELLED SO SWEET...

...NOR ANY FOREST
GREW SO RICH
AND GREEN...



STRANGER!



WEARS
COAT OF
IRON,
HE!

A YOUNG
LORD!



BE HE
THE
ONLY!

THE
FLOOR
MUST BE
TOD!

FLAMING
ALEE...

DUM
DUM
deDUM
DUM

CHOOM
KAKKA!

THIS IS SO
STUPID,
GOLIATH!

WE'RE A DECADE
SHORT OF THE
21ST CENTURY,
FOR GRIEF'S
SAKE!

THINK
OF ALL THE
FUN WAYS
I COULD BE
SPENDING MY
SUMMER
HOLIDAY.

clap clap clap, clap clap clap



BUT
NNNNOOO!

KNIGHTLY
SON HAS TO
RIDE OUT ON
A KNIGHTLY
QUEST.

TRADITION,
PARENTS
SAY.

RUBBISH,
I SAY!

SNAPPY SNAP



I MEAN OF
ALL THE
BORING...

--CRUMBS?!

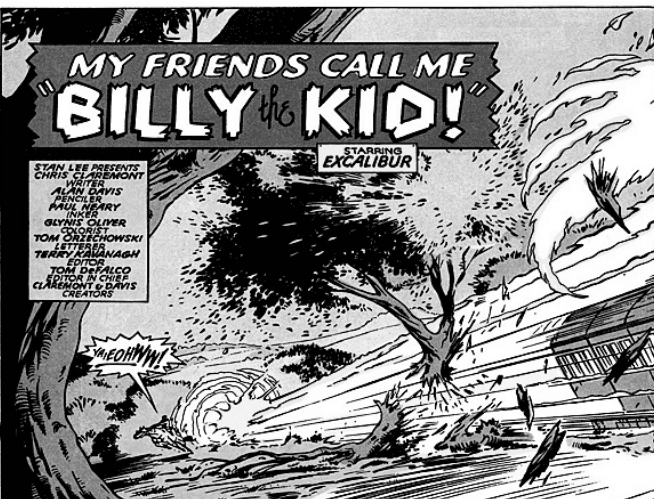
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MY FRIENDS CALL ME "BILLY the KID!"

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WHEEOWW!



EASY,
GOLIATH,
CALM
DOWN!

--I'M
TERRIFIED
ENOUGH
FOR THE BOTH
OF US!

NO NEED
TO BE SCARED,
OLD CHAP--

WHAT IS
THAT?!



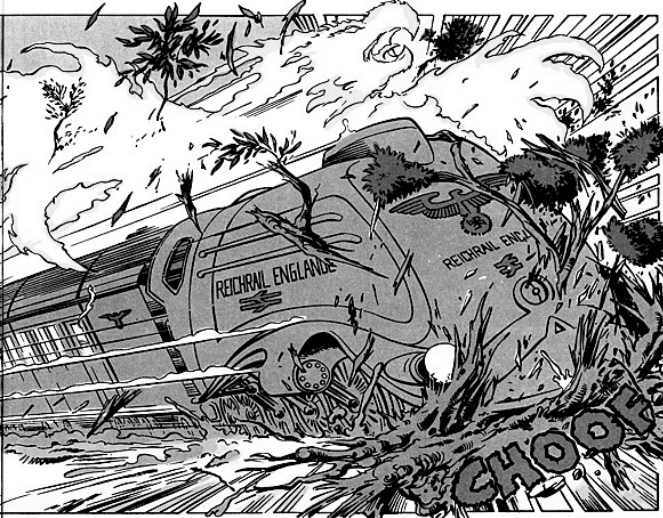
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OF MACHINE,
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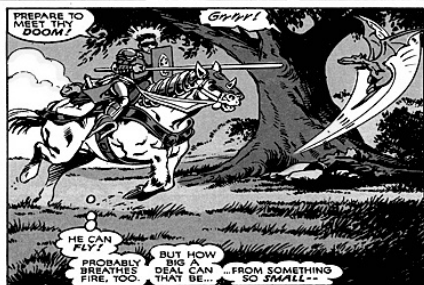
DONEN'T LOOK
LIKE ANY SORT
OF FLYER I'VE
EVER SEEN--

--BUT IT
FELL OUT
OF THE
SKY!

NO--
THAT'S
NOT QUITE
RIGHT--











BRIGHTON...

-- GRAND OLD RESORT
CITY ON THE SOUTH
COAST OF ENGLAND.

TO WHICH HAS COME, THIS
UTTERLY MISERABLE DAY...

...MERCHANT BANKER,
NIGEL FROBISHER.

SUMMER'S OFF
TO A LOVELY
START.

GALE
FORCE
WINDS...

...AND
MONSOON
RAI-
EN???

THERE'S
A...
...HOLE
IN THE
STORM.

UTTERLY
STRANGE.

BALMY
BREEZ,
BRIGHT
SUN.
I WONDER...

...WHAT THE
DEVIL?!

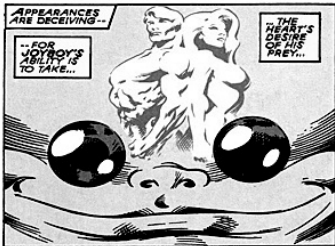
DOSSIER,
REMEMBER
THE
DOSSIER--

--BUT
THESE ARE
ALIENS...

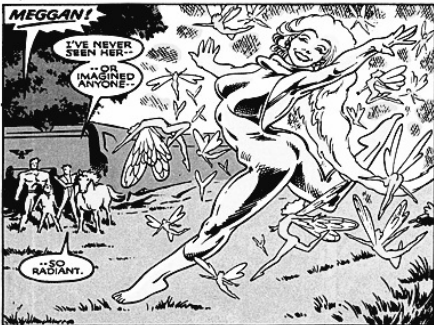
HOW DID
MS. ROSS
ACQUIRE...

ALL THAT
INFORMATION--

--THIS
ONE'S
CALLED
BODYBAG!







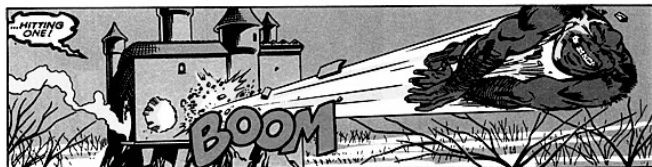












WHAT MANNER OF CREATURE--?!

SHE'S PHOENIX!

NOT TOO SHABBY, RED?

I DON'T MEAN TO SOUND UN-GRATEFUL, BUT...

...HAVEN'T YOU A PRINCE AMONG YOU?

I'M SUPPOSED TO BE RESCUED BY A PRINCE.

CAN'T ALWAYS GET WHAT YOU WANT.

HANG LOOSE, TWO...

--WE'LL HAVE YOU FREE IN A JIFF.

HAVE A CARE, STRANGERS. THERE ARE FORCES AFOOT HERE YOU KNOW NOTHING ABOUT!

APPRECIATE THE WARNING, PRINCESS.

BUT WHATEVER COMES...

...EXCALIBUR CAN HANDLE 'A YAKOW!

PHOENIX!

THE MOAT-- THAT DOESN'T LOOK LIKE WATER!

IT ISN'T WATER! SOME FORM-- ELEMENTAL BEING--

...SOAKING THROUGH MY SKIN--

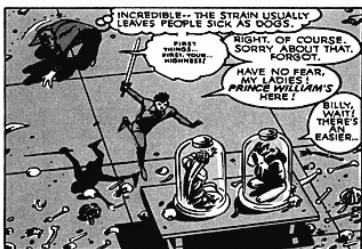
...TRYING TO TRANSFORM ME--

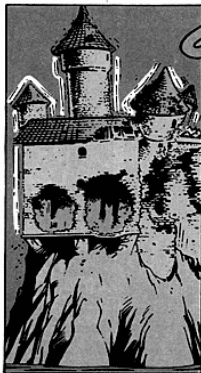
...INTO A DEMON!

HOW CAN I HELP, RACHEL?!

TELL ME WHAT TO DO!









NEVER MIND.



I DON'T KNOW WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE WITHOUT YOU, MY PRINCE?

NIGHT-CRAWLER!

THERE WAS NO NEED TO TELEPORT INSIDE!

PHOENIX OR I COULD HAVE CARRIED YOU.

SOME SPECTACULAR RESCUE, eh, LADY KITTY?

I NEEDED TO PROVE I COULD STILL...

PULL MY OWN WEIGHT.



THERE ARE OTHER WAYS TO DO THAT.

WHERE'S THE SENSE OF MAKING PLANS, YOU DAFT, SILLY MAN.

... IF YOU AREN'T GOING TO CARRY THEM OUT?!

MEGGAN??



I AM SO GRATEFUL YOU CAME TO MY AID, MY PRINCE.

Up!

LOOKS LIKE THE CASTLE...

... ISN'T YOUR ONLY CONQUEST, TIGER.



FORGIVE ME, DEAR LADY, BUT SAY NO MORE.

MY HEART IS PLEDGED TO ANOTHER.

WHAT?!



LADY KITTY--

- I FORMALLY ASK YOUR HAND IN HOLY MATRIMONY.

TO BE MY BRIDE, AND REIGN BY MY SIDE...

... AS QUEEN OF THE REALM!

NEXT: *The*

MARRIAGE of TRUE MINDS (AMONG OTHER THINGS)!

SHOCK STORIES

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Attention correspondents: If you don't want your full address printed, please be sure to tell us so!

Dear Creators of EXCALIBUR,
Wonderfully done, people, wonderfully done!

Thank you very much, Mr. Claremont and Mr. Davis! The X-MEN and NEW MUTANTS were getting painfully dark and morbid for us. But, lo, a shining new series, with beloved "old" characters—delightful. It was time for new situations and interactions. Obviously this new title has brought about fresh creativity in you and the others on staff. EXCALIBUR is easily our favorite mainstream comic.

One note of concern, though. We're worried about Kurt and Meggan. Kurt is beginning to play Lancelot to Meggan's Guinevere... perhaps the name "Excalibur" is a bit uncomfortably portentous? We dearly love Kurt and Meggan, but if Brian doesn't get his internal struggle at least partially worked out, the team is in trouble before it gets that "decent chance." Don't do that to them... please don't. If Brian gets back together with Courtney, easing Meggan down gently into Nightcrawler's arms, that's fine. We would just like to see such a thing happen without it being made more difficult than absolutely necessary.

Aside from all that, it's been great fun so far, so don't stop!

Ronda Searis & Diana Mayer
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Dear Sword Strokes,

Hi, I really enjoy EXCALIBUR and it's going to be a regular on my shopping trips to the comic store!

One of my favorite characters is Kitty Pryde, and I've been following her adventures since she was first introduced. Unfortunately, I always felt you guys could do better as far as her powers are concerned—not to give her anything new, but to let her do better with what she's got.

One major mistake I thought you let happen was to have her forget all those ninja fighting skills that Ogun imprinted on her mind back in the KITTY-WOLVERINE Limited Series. She would be twice as effective without having to phase out every time things get rough.

Another thing which I'm not terribly sure about is, if she can walk on air, why can't she be lighter than air? If she couldn't before, maybe she can now since her accident. If she can, then she could just make do anything she wanted to. She could make "super-jumps" simply by jumping and phasing, or increasing and decreasing her phasing ability to rise up and down in the air. She could also simulate super-strength by phasing cars lighter than herself and throwing them. Once they leave her hands they are moving pretty fast and can cause some serious damage.

Anyway, aside from her forgetting fighting skills that were enough to take Wolverine down, I can live with what she's got now. Keep up the good work!

Les Parsons
Montreal, Quebec

Well, Les, you brought up some interesting points about our "pretty Kitty."

Our one defense is that it has never

been indicated anywhere that Kitty altered the role of anything she was phasing, so she probably couldn't throw cars. But being that she's still a young mutant her powers still haven't fully matured yet so one never can tell. Keep reading, Les, and watch her mature with us!

The relationships of our heroic trio will be taking strange paths in upcoming issues, so stay tuned to your local comic shops for some further twists and turns!

Muties,

All right! I was afraid EXCALIBUR wouldn't be involved in the *inferno* crisis, but I guess everyone gets their share. Not only am I writing to thank you for issue #6, but all the issues before that, too. EXCALIBUR is already moving up to the top of my list, and I know it's gonna get better and better!

Other things I like about this series are the comedic front covers, Alan Davis, the bonus pinups, and of course the scripting by Chris Claremont — but the best thing is the wonderful editing by Terry Kavanagh!

So until Arcade joins our merry band of mutant crime-fighters, Make Mine Marvel!

Ronnie Erickson
7820 Lakecrest Drive
Greenbelt, MD

Well, I guess Marvel is yours, Ronnie! You know it's not often that our editors get complimented on the selfless task of editing the books that we produce, so Terry thanks you from the bottom of his sneakers.

Dear Marvel,

I have just one thing to say: King Arthur would be very proud of you.

Peanut Brown
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Dear Marvel,

I have never found the urge or influence to write to a specific comic. Maybe it was because I was sure my letter would never be printed or that I thought no one would actually read my letter. But, that is now irrelevant.

I started to read EXCALIBUR when it first came out and I think it is the only comic I have kept up with since the beginning. Anyway, all the issues have been great, but issue number six really blew my mind. I don't know if it was because of the "inferno" tie-in or because of the supreme artwork that is done by Davis, Neary, and Oliver. Either way, I was truly astounded!

Another thing that also amazes me about your stories is that they all seem to mesh. Unlike other comics, they seem to interweave from beginning to end and that is what truly makes a comic great. Aside from all the kudos I'm giving you, I do have a couple of questions I would like to ask you. First, will the Captain and Nightcrawler eventually have it out over Meggan? Second, will Meggan ever be the same after her little session with N'astirh? Finally, will our over-popular heroes from the U.K. face our ever-popular band of mutants from down

under, the X-Men?

Thanks for your time and until Kurt dyes his fur blonde, Make Mine Marvel!

McConnell Adams
(Address withheld by request)

As busy and as fast-paced as this team is, did not write to you to give you praise, because you get enough of that. I did not write to say how uninteresting your comic is, simply because EXCALIBUR is excellent. I just want to get my message through to you: "KILL CAPTAIN BRITAIN!"

I know that EXCALIBUR has only just started and it is too early to start killing off characters, but since the SPECIAL EDITION, Captain Britain has been nothing but a pain in the neck.

He is arrogant, unsympathetic and plain dumb. Look at the way he treats Meggan (and anybody else for that matter). I say he should be exterminated. Believe you me, the Marvel Universe would be better off with one less alcoholic brute.

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Alan G. Bieza
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London, U.K.

Yes, he is arrogant. Yes, he is sometimes times unsympathetic. Yes, he sometimes acts without thinking and yes, he is sometimes a brute. But he still tries to do the right thing and be the best hero he can be, and we feel that just trying makes up for a lot of his errors. So, we think we'll have him stick around a little while longer to try and make up for his trespasses—and we hope you will too, Alan!



